

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2014 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany for 10 days from June 28–July 6, 2014. During this 10-day exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat Members, Bundestag and Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for 10 days from April 26–May 4, 2014. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington. The U.S. delegation is expected to organize and facilitate these meetings.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to plan and implement the program for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for

participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications may be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HC-4, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014.

IN MEMORIAM OF HIS HOLINESS
DR. SYEDNA MOHAMMED
BURHANUDDIN SAHEB

HON. GLORIA NEGRETE McLEOD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mrs. NEGRETE McLEOD. Mr. Speaker, the Nation mourns the passing of His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin Saheb who passed away January 17, 2014 at the age of 102 in Mumbai.

Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin Saheb was the 52nd Dai-al-Mutlaq of the Dawoodi Bohra community. Dr. Burhanuddin was the revered and beloved leader of over one million Bohras worldwide, many of which reside in the United States.

Under his leadership the community has had great success throughout the world. In 2005, Dr. Burhanuddin was congratulated by President George W. Bush in a letter from the White House, when he last visited the United States for the inauguration of a mosque in Fremont, California.

His Holiness' leadership and spiritual guidance to the Dawoodi Bohra community will be greatly missed. The Dawoodi Bohra community will observe days of mourning on his Holiness' passing. Many Dawoodi Bohras throughout the Nation have stayed home from school, work, and business in honor of His Holiness.

I offer my sincere condolences on behalf of the United States Congress to the family, friends, and all worldwide followers of His Holiness, and especially to the local Anjuman E-Qutbi community in the City of Ontario in the 35th Congressional District which has over 120 families who were spiritually guided by the teachings of Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin Saheb.

IN HONOR OF DR. DALE MCINNIS,
RICHMOND COUNTY CITIZEN OF
THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the community service of Richmond Community College President, Dr. Dale McInnis, who was recently named Citizen of the Year by the Richmond County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. McInnis was raised in Richmond County and has served the region admirably for decades. He has worked at three community colleges in North Carolina's 8th Congressional District, which cover five of the twelve counties in my district. Dr. McInnis started as a business instructor at Montgomery Community College in 1992 before being named Vice President of Administrative Services the following year. He then worked at South Piedmont Community College before accepting a position at Richmond Community College in 2002. Dr. McInnis became Richmond Community College's seventh President in 2010, where he still serves today.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. McInnis has had a direct impact on the lives of thousands of hard-working folks across the 8th District. He has developed and implemented programs at these community colleges that helped people transition to new careers at a time of unprecedented textile and manufacturing job losses in the region.

Community colleges will continue to play a pivotal role in helping improve our economy in the coming years. Thanks to the strong leadership of Dr. McInnis, Richmond Community College is leading the charge in getting the workforce of Richmond and Scotland Counties the skills they need to thrive in a 21st century economy. I'm proud to have worked with Dr. McInnis over the years, and I know I speak for countless people across the 8th District when I congratulate him on being named Citizen of the Year.

CONGRATULATING THE GLMV
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2014
MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARD
RECIPIENTS

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor a select group of business leaders who make our communities strong. Illinois's Tenth District has a long tradition of business innovation and excellence, and year after year more businesses add to that legacy.

Each year, the Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein and Vernon Hills (GLMV) Chamber of Commerce recognizes a few exceptional individuals for achieving success in the business world and for practicing good citizenship in and for the community.

It is my great honor to congratulate the recipients of the GLMV 2014 Member Recognition Dinner Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year: Alexa and Seth Holzwarth of LexiWynn; Restaurateur of the Year: Scott Fine of Fine's; Community Service Award: Dr. Robert Rosenberg of Advocate Condell Medical Center; Civic Leadership Award: Sedrik Newbern of Phoenix Insurance; Member of the Year: Brian Logsdon of Corner Bakery Cafe; Volunteer of the Year: Lars Rasmussen of World Financial Group.

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These noteworthy award recipients embody the hardworking, forward-thinking and community-oriented spirit that makes the Tenth District of Illinois such a special place. Their leadership and success exemplify a model for their fellow businesses, and I congratulate them on receiving these distinctions.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate and thank the GLMV Chamber of Commerce for everything it does. Local businesses are the foundation of our communities, and the GLMV Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to keeping those foundations strong.

IN RECOGNITION OF AL RIDER ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Al Rider. Born and raised in Hardin County, Al strived to better the community by promoting a quality education.

On Friday, January 31st, Al will retire from his role as President and CEO of the Central Kentucky Community Foundation (CKCF). Since 1992, Al has worked to develop and implement initiatives to promote a good education and ensure that students follow through on those efforts.

Al has, at one time or another had a hand in virtually every component of education in central Kentucky. According to CKCF, Al has most recently served as the Educational Liaison for the transformation at Fort Knox, facilitator of the K-12 education roundtables, and as the chairperson of the Education Subcommittee of the Hardin County United Project.

An editorial in his hometown paper, The News-Enterprise, said it best. "From that time to today, Rider has been an influential and instrumental player in improving educational opportunities and, thereby, quality of life in Hardin County." I could not agree more.

Al has received several awards relating to his leadership in the field of education, including: the Joseph W. Kelly Award from the Kentucky Department of Education and the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Lincoln Heritage Council Boy Scouts of America.

I am grateful for Al's dedication to bettering the education of Kentuckians and wish him well in his retirement.

TO RECOGNIZE BHS AWARENESS

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a condition that is sadly misunderstood. Breath-holding spells occur when a young child stops breathing for up to one minute, generally as a response to stress or emotions like fear and frustration. Sometimes, these spells cause the child to pass out. However, it is important to note that breath-holding is an involuntary reaction, and not something the child can control. While most children do not need treatment for breath-holding spells,

they can be a difficult and scary experience for both parent and child.

Jennifer Horne of Prospect Park, PA, in the 7th district of Pennsylvania, is the founder of BHS Awareness. Ms. Horne's son, Brayden, suffers from BHS. Founded in 2013, the group is dedicated to providing medical facts and personal experiences from parents. BHS Awareness recently supported an effort in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to pass legislation officially recognizing July 14 as Involuntary Breath Holding Awareness Day.

Mr. Speaker, I honor BHS Awareness for its bravery and leadership regarding breath-holding spells. Ms. Horne and BHS Awareness are helping parents and children understand and cope with a difficult condition. Their hard work on this little-known condition is raising awareness for the children who experience these spells and the parents who care for them.

RECOGNIZING DAVID BRADLEY

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of First Sergeant David Bradley, United States Army—Retired, on the occasion of his passing from this life to the next.

David was a linchpin of the central Ohio veterans community for more than thirty years. In 1983, Dave took his first major steps in veterans advocacy as the Executive Director of the Vietnam Veterans of America—Department of Ohio. Over nine years in this position, he became a distinguished advisor throughout Ohio as a valued member of the Ohio Veterans Employment and Training Council and the Ohio Job Training Council. In 1991, he began his tenure as the Director of the Franklin County Veterans Service Commission and gave immeasurably to the service and care of hundreds of thousands of central Ohio's veterans.

I am extremely honored to play a small role in recognizing the life and accomplishments of such a uniquely dedicated public servant. Dave generously gave his time and energies to the many organizations and projects that have grown to shape the central Ohio veterans community. His leadership in these capacities was recognized by the Ohio Department of Veteran Services when he was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2012. I personally partnered with David on many projects, including advocating for the construction of the Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Care Center in Columbus, Ohio. This facility stands, in part, as a testament to David's relentless work to better serve the veterans of Columbus and the surrounding area. His tireless efforts embodied the devotion and honor of our nation's military, and his service to central Ohio reflected the very best of what we the people demand from our public servants. His wisdom and indefatigable drive will be sorely missed in our communities, and I will miss his advice and counsel.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I thank David Bradley for his sacrifices for our nation and his unrelenting service to our community. I offer my deepest sympathies to his family. Their sense

of loss at this time is shared by many of us who knew and loved David Bradley, and he will be dearly missed.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EU-
LESS POLICE OFFICER JOHN
WILLIAMS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize retiring Lieutenant John Williams for his 31 years of public service as a police officer.

John graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1972 with a Bachelor's Degree in Management. In the following year, he earned his Basic Police Certification and shortly afterwards joined the Arlington Police Department as an officer where he served for four years. Following his service in Arlington, John served as an officer for the Odessa Police Department for two years.

Aside from being a police officer, John has been the owner of several successful businesses including a bowling center and custom harvesting operation.

In 1988, John was hired as a patrol officer by the Euless Police Department. Throughout his career with the City of Euless, John has accomplished many achievements such as obtaining the ranks of Sergeant in 1992, Lieutenant in 1999, and the supervisor roles of the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations, Jail & Property Operations, Internal Affairs and the Traffic Unit. Aside from his promotions, John has been honored with 35 police commendations and nominated ten times as Supervisor of the Year, which he won in 2005.

John has also earned a number of certifications and academic degrees within the field of law enforcement. The distinctions John has received over the years include the Intermediate Police Certification in 1975, Advanced Police Certification in 1990, Breath Test Operator Certification in 1991, Police Officer Instructor License in 1992, and Masters Police Certification in 1996. In 1992, John graduated from the Southwest Law Enforcement Institute School of Police Supervision; additionally, he graduated in 2000 from the Southwest Law Enforcement Institute Command School. At both institutes, John obtained high honors for his academic achievements. Overall, John has received over 3,000 hours of in-service training throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking John Williams for his 31 years of public service as a police officer.

RECOGNIZING MS. YUSHU "JOY"
XIE

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Ms. Yushu "Joy" Xie's acceptance into the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Program.